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Dear Luca:

I hope my calling you on such a poor connection did not disturb you. The main points on which there was some urgency was first of all that any response that we might make to Cappelini had no bearing on the position in this Department that we had discussed between ourselves; also, in view of his erratic behavior in the past, I felt that it was important to verify that this last step on his part was not a manifestation of a much larger instability, of a kind of which you would be aware. Needless to say, after our conversation we would entertain no very solid hopes of a concrete arrangement with Cappelini but if he means what he says in writing to Holman, we might as well at least react to it without investing too much effort or concern. In any event, I did want to be sure that if he did come here, it could in no way discourage what remaining possibility there was of your own interest.

The possibility that we might visit in Italy in April is not altogether closed and I will keep in touch with you about that. The Cospar meeting is now definitely planned for Florence and about the 14th of April.

As ever,

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